

STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



GARY R. HERBERT
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

EMBARGOED UNTIL FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008 @ 4:00 PM (MDT)

June 6, 2008

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**[EMBARGOED] STATEMENT BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
ON THE VERIFIED PETITION ALLEGING VIOLATION OF ELECTION CODE**

"On May 30, 2008, I received a verified petition alleging violations of Utah's Election Code. As Utah's Chief Election Officer, I take all complaints of potential Election Code infringements seriously. This case is no different.

While I have gathered information to help me determine whether a special investigation is warranted, I am concerned that any action on my part at this time could influence participation in or the outcome of the June 24, 2008 Primary Election. In particular, I do not want my actions to become a commentary or a statement of opinion on any candidate or other involved party.

Based upon the legal procedures specified in statute, there is no way – regardless of any determination on my part – to resolve this matter before Election Day. It is important to note that early voting for the Primary Election opens next Tuesday and absentee balloting has already begun.

Therefore, I am postponing any further action on this matter until after voting concludes in the Primary Election."

Gary R. Herbert
Lieutenant Governor